

**Board of Trustees  
Suffolk County Department of Parks  
Recreation and Conservation**

**Minutes of December 14, 2006 at Meadow Edge, West Sayville**

**BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Ray Corwin	Chairman, Member at Large
Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Aurelio Colina	Vice Chairman, Town of Southampton
Gregory Dawson	Trustee, Town of Islip
Jeanine Dillon	Member of the Board
John Fritz	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Gary Olsen	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

**ABSENT:**

Scott Hilary	Trustee, town of Southold
Terrence Pearsall	Member of the Board
Vacant	Member of the Board
Vacant	Trustee, Town of Shelter Island

**PARKS DEPARTMENT:**

Ronald F. Foley	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Colleen Hofmeister	Contracts Manager
Nick Gibbons	Senior Environmental Analyst
Tom Hroncich	Marketing Specialist
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

**GUESTS:**

Jennifer Kohn	Assistant County Attorney
Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department

Chairman Corwin opened the meeting.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

There were no members of the public present.

### **PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE**

There were no acquisitions presented at this meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

Page 10 – third paragraph – change surf fishers to surfers

**A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Fritz. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Introductory Resolution 1953-2006 – Linking County Park Fees for Veterans to Park Fees for Senior Citizens: An error in the "3rd Resolved" has been corrected – the form of I.D. shall be conditioned upon submission of a DD Form 214. The proposal is to give veterans the same discounts that senior citizens get in the Suffolk County Parks fee schedule. All of these fee related issues have to come before the Trustees for their approval. The Legislature can then act upon it.

**A motion to accept and approve the resolution was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Cardillo.**

#### Forsythe Meadows

Commissioner: I heard from a preservation group that things were done improperly with the adjoining development and it impacted public preserved parkland. Based on that advice, the Trustees sent a letter to the Town of Brookhaven Planning Board raising these issues. Ward Melville Heritage, with Gloria Rocchio as their director and some others claimed that what was in the letter was inaccurate. Trustee Olsen and Nick Gibbons then walked the property and did an appraisal of the situation. Gloria Rocchio has asked that I send a letter to the Town of Brookhaven Planning Board saying that the issues in the original letter are no longer being considered. I informed Ms. Rocchio it had to be a letter from the Trustees and I cannot speak for them. Some time ago the Trustees had decided the minutes could stand to make the case. She would like a more declarative statement from the Trustees.

Chairman Corwin: We have a few options: 1) not do anything; 2) simply forward the minutes of April 20th or; 3) say we can respond to any requests for Trustees' opinions that might come from the Planning Board.

Trustee Olsen: We agreed last time that we would let the minutes stand and if we forwarded the minutes to the town it shows some positive action. There were three issues and all of them were resolved except for the extension of the fence. Nick was going to give them some guidance on how they could extend the fence.

Chairman Corwin: How do the other Trustees feel about that as an approach?

Trustee Colina: I think the minutes speak for themselves.

Chairman Corwin: I think they speak for all of us. Ann will forward the minutes. Again, thanks to Trustee Olsen and Nick Gibbons for doing the field work.

#### Dog Parks

Commissioner: You all have a copy of the legislative history of the question of dogs in Suffolk County Parks. It's difficult to follow the line and figure out precisely what the laws are – there are competing levels of local laws, rules and regulations. The most current thing we have is the green brochure entitled "Rules and Regulations". You should always check the date on the back of the brochure because they do change. I'd like to put the correct rules on the record: 378-4. Prohibited Acts: #5 – Bring in or permit any horses, cattle, livestock or domestic animals of any kind in or on any parkland, except that a dog or cat may be permitted to use County parkland on a leash, in areas designated for such use and in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 566-1998 "Authorizing County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation to Construct Dog Runs within County Parks." No dogs shall be permitted off of a leash outside of an authorized fenced in dog run area. Horses may be permitted on approved trails and special permits must be obtained from the Commissioner for any events involving horses, dogs, etc. No animals shall be allowed at large. At some point in the history of amending it, Resolution 566-1998 was split in half. It can be hard to figure out. The first part of 566 allows the construction of fenced in dog runs at West Hills County Park. When it was amended, that piece was repeated in the amendment. There's a second paragraph that seems to allow us to make certain designations of other dog runs that were not picked up in the amendment. It's very confusing what that allows us to do. Prior to the publication of the 2006 brochure, which was based on a '03 resolution, there was a specific allowance for leashed dogs to be allowed in campgrounds and on the outer beach areas. That's gone.

Trustee Fritz: Gardiners Park had a dog designated area some time ago. Is it within your power to reinstitute that dog designated area?

Commissioner Foley: I'm not clear on that answer. One thing that is consistent in all the legislation is that no animals will be allowed at large. We've built the new dog run at West Hills – the dog owners seem happy with it. We'll leave the old one at West Hills for smaller dogs and people who don't want to be in the big crowds. We're working with dog owning representatives to develop a plan for one at Blydenburgh. That will have to come back to the Trustees for review because there is an adopted master plan for that park that does not include this use. We'll come back to you with a recommended layout and set of rules and regulations for your approval and that will have to go to CEQ for their approval and it may have to wind up going to the legislature. That would complete everything we have authority to build right now. Once we have some experience under our belts, Gardiners may be the next place.

Trustee McKay: There is an enclosure in here from Commissioner Scully that dates back to 2002. Did the proposed regulation referred to ever go into effect?

Commissioner Foley: We never found the piece that says that was filed and positively responded to. We don't know how far it went. I believe it is not in effect.

Trustee McKay: Wasn't the dog run at Coindre Hall approved and then the dog owners decided they didn't want it where it was going to be.

Commissioner Foley: The dog run at Coindre Hall was approved for an area next to Gold Star Battalion Beach. The town was going to build and police it. The town was going to figure out a way to let all Suffolk County residents use its beach parking lot. We had begun talking to the town about crafting the agreement and some of the dog owners objected to the location and said

"don't do that." Getting that approved was no small feat. Legislator Cooper had to go to CEO. Other Legislators weighed in on it. CEO had a number of questions and they very carefully decided that was the place in that park where you could stand to have the fenced in dog park. No other place in that park was suitable. Everyone agreed to that compromise and then all of a sudden it blew up. We stopped negotiating with the town and that's where we are today.

Chairman Corwin: There are basically two areas of dog issues. One is where dog runs are allowed and where they should be in their design, construction and monitoring. Then there's the larger question of where else would dogs be allowed (inside a camper, inside a car that's driving the outer beach). It seems like this is one of these areas where there would be a need for comprehensive legislative action that would clarify this. What are your thoughts on how we can get there?

Commissioner Foley: Things that happen have a blanket treatment. You can decree one thing and it applies to everything – those are easy to legislate. This one is never going to be that simple. I think the simple part has been dealt with repeatedly - that no unleashed animals will be allowed in county parks. After that is the question of where leashed animals can be allowed and where do you build enclosures that can accommodate unleashed animals. It's difficult for the legislative process to foresee and to deal with all the pressures that will come over time which will mean going back and changing it over and over again. We have to figure out where each type of activity can be accommodated and if we should accommodate it, keeping in mind all the other uses and activities that occur in county parks.

Trustee McKay: In the meantime we have the situation of people openly defying Park regulations at Coindre Hall and the longer they continue to do that the more difficult it becomes. It's an incredible enforcement problem.

Commissioner Foley: In my response to their latest letter to me I assured them that we would continue to enforce the rules of Suffolk County Parks based on priority and public safety needs and things of that sort. I can't ask the Police Chief to assign a detail to Coindre Hall to wipe out the dog problem at Coindre Hall, but we're going to continue to be up there when we can and we'll write summons, where appropriate and try to get it corrected.

#### Standard Operating Procedures

Commissioner: You all have a copy of this procedure which relates to lunches. There are new rules here on the county funding meals or refreshments for meetings: who can be participants, what the distribution of those people is and what the prices will be. The bill for today's meeting is about \$200.00 which puts it over that \$100.00 line. We have to ask for advance permission to fund this lunch.

Chairman Corwin: Who do you have to go to for advance permission?

Commissioner Foley: The Budget Department. Another issue here is who is consuming the lunch. It has to be a majority of non-employees. On the occasions when the employees outnumber the Trustees, which probably is not often, if it does occur, we'd be violating the rules. It's a new SOP; we're expected to adhere to these things. We need to decide how big a deal is it to have lunch at our Trustees meetings?

Chairman Corwin: We encourage the Commissioner to adhere to all regulations and rules. Let's take whatever advice the Commissioner can give us on adhering to this. Can we get an opinion from whoever signs off on this in the County Executive's office as to whether the average lunch costs that we have every month is appropriate or not? Then we can go from there.

Commissioner: The rationale for providing this lunch is that Trustees are to be reimbursed for their reasonable and ordinary expenses. Getting your lunch when you're on your way to a 1:00 PM meeting, I believe, is a reasonable and ordinary expense. If you didn't do it this way, you'd file a reimbursement form. I think, at some point, it was regarded as more practical and economical to do it this way. There are arguments on both sides. I'm asking you to become familiar with the rules so if we do have to change something at some point, you'll know the basis.

#### Rent Structure

Commissioner: This is in the wind in the Legislature and before the media: in 2002 a piece of legislation, #1250, was passed directing the department to change the rent structure for the various residences we rent out. Those people we rent to include Parks employees, County employees, a New York City police officer, the public – a number of different categories of renters. The resolution directed us to get market value appraisals to establish market rate rents on each of these places. The Department of Real Estate did those appraisals, they all came back about a year ago and established market rate rents for all our rental properties. We spent a lot of time trying to figure out how one could calculate the value and presence of a person in these houses and the variety of qualifications of employees we have: police, managers, laborers, whatever. That calculation is impossible. The IRS rules for benefits to employees would get in the way of figuring out any fair way to calculate these rents. In our mini test of the market we put two vacancies out at market rate rentals to see if there would be any takers. They were both grabbed up. One is occupied by a Suffolk County Park Police Officer, another by a Park Supervisor. Once we knew these rates were not unreasonable, we sent letters to all the existing tenants in our properties and said February 1st their rent will be going up to whatever the market rate was and asked them to let us know by January 5th what their intentions are. There were complaints about excessive utility bills, poor maintenance on the houses, claims that their presence there was of some value and should be considered in the rents. All this is shaking out now and I don't know how it's going to end up. The County Executive is on the side of market rate rents. The Legislature has not left us a lot of room to move around here. Over the next couple of months we're going to see what all these reactions are and discuss this with the powers that be to figure out how to go forward.

Trustee Dawson: Are there responsibilities that come with the lease?

Colleen Hofmeister: As we draft the new contracts we will be incorporating the duties that we intend to include.

Chairman Corwin: One is challenged to figure this out. If you take the case of a Park Police Officer living in a house, and he or she lives there and pays full market value, is it expected that because they are a sworn officer if they see a problem they should go solve it and address it or is it expected that they drive around the property every night and every morning? If they do that circuit, does that count for a dollar value off their rent? How do you translate that into a dollar figure? How do you incorporate that into a contract?

Commissioner Foley: And does that benefit need to be reported as income – or is he on the clock?

Trustee McKay: Do these houses have to meet town codes?

Commissioner Foley: Probably not – I think they have to meet general building codes, but most of them are so old that modern code wouldn't come into play unless you renovated more than 50% of the house.

Trustee McKay: Did the assessment of the rental values take into consideration that some of

these may be sub-standard?

Commissioner Foley: Each property was looked at completely on the exterior, not many of them were entered. They were appraised on that basis. I believe there is a condition rating on each one of them.

Chairman Corwin: Does the 2002 legislation anticipate the fair market value also being assessed on how well they function on the interior?

Commissioner Foley: It didn't go into that fine point. It said get appraisals done – we got appraisals done in the normal way one would get them done. The appraisers said to us, verbally, it was not necessary to get into the house.

Trustee Olson: What is the number of properties involved?

Commissioner Foley: We have 32 houses and 9 buildings that fall into the category of “others”. Those are garages, warehouses, offices. Twelve of that 41 are currently vacant. Fourteen of the occupants are county employees, eight of those are Parks Department employees, three of those are Parks Police Officers and there's also a Suffolk County Police Department Officer and a New York City Police Department Officer.

Chairman Corwin: The Parks Committee seemed to think that on this particular issue it would be a good idea to have a joint meeting to discuss this.

Commissioner Foley: This subject has been brought up a couple of times. The Parks Committee of the Legislature has suggested that they have a joint meeting with the Parks Trustees and I think that's a good idea. I'm assuming the meeting would be larger than just this one issue. Essentially, in this situation, we have a county law that was voted on, adopted and signed by the County Executive at that time. We're trying to implement it.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Corwin: I made copies of the letter addressed to myself, as well as Trustee McKay, from the L.I. Dog Owners Group for distribution. It's a complimentary letter thanking us for treating them with courtesy and respect at the last meeting and lays out their case for some changes.

The next item I'd like to discuss relates to the Suffolk County Parks Foundation. The Chairman of the County Parks Foundation is one of our former colleagues from Islip, Jay Miller. Jay Miller sent a letter which I will read to you (letter is read) requesting that we select a board member to serve on their board. We do need, sooner rather than later, to get a recommendation from the board for one of our own to serve on the Parks Foundation Board of Trustees. Tom – can I ask you to describe the Board of Directors composition?

Tom Hroncich: We'd like to have regional diversity, gender diversity, ethnic diversity, professional diversity. We'd like to have access to people with money. For instance, people from the entertainment industry can become an honorary member. If you know someone that can bring a marquee value, such as a Billy Joel, please let us know.

Chairman Corwin: The Foundation is not just a musical chair rearrangement of the Parks Board of Trustees. It is in the necessity of getting started that we have a former Trustee volunteering to serve as a board member and chair. We're grateful for that because of all the benefits Jay Miller brings to it. If we look at the Foundation Board now, it looks like a sub-committee of the Parks Trustees Board and that clearly is not the intention. What we're looking to do is increase the

diversity from different walks of life, different occupations. The Suffolk County Legislature has a member to appoint, the County Executive has some members to appoint. We're also looking for names from people. The issue before this board today is who do you want to represent you as your chosen member, so to speak, on the board?

Trustee White: The purpose of the board?

Chairman Corwin: The purpose of the Foundation is to help the county parks system to undertake tasks that it might otherwise not be able to undertake, or undertake in a timely fashion. The purpose of the board is to provide policy and direction and make the Foundation live. That's one board member's view of that. It could be similar to the friends of a particular wildlife refuge where those groups are able to undertake fund raising. There are things that private entity can do a lot faster and efficiently and things they can do that government can't do.

Tom Hroncich: A really good example of this happened recently with Trustee Olsen and Symbol Technologies with the donation of a flagpole. Symbol was able to donate a flagpole for the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial. If the Foundation had been up and running fully, we could have done it through the Foundation rather than having to go through the Legislature, do a resolution, have it approved, go through committee, etc.. It was a great thing, but the foundation will allow us to do things like that more quickly without going through such a long, arduous process.

Trustee White: I have a name I'd like to put forth, but I'd like to speak with that person first.

Chairman Corwin: When you do, just pass it along to Tom Hroncich. Perhaps you all would like to give this some thought for the coming month and decide if you want to suggest a new name or pick from those of us who are already on there. Having served on a number of boards, as I know many of you have, there's a certain benefit to rotation. I'll take the nodding of heads that perhaps this should go on the agenda for January.

The final item I have for you under Chairman's Report is that at the Parks Committee meeting yesterday, a suggestion was made by Legislator Vivian Viloria-Fisher, and has been made at prior meetings, suggesting that a joint meeting between the Parks Committee and the Parks Trustees would be a good thing. I think it would be a good idea for all the committee members and all the board members to get to know each other. The logistics of the meeting would be one issue. More to the point, a very short punch list of topics we would address, maybe two or three things. Is this something you would like to do? Commissioner, what's your pleasure? Is it appropriate to ask your staff to inquire as to when they would like to do this?

Commissioner Foley: I think that's fine. I think you need to move it out a ways, perhaps March or April, so that we can set our public schedule and have a public announcement prepared properly.

Chairman Corwin: Commissioner, if you could suggest some dates? That's all I've got on the Chairman's Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Olson: One item on old business is Forsythe Meadows. We have, included in our package, the April minutes but then there was the follow up on the main minutes (May 18th, 2006) which should be forwarded also.

Trustee Cardillo: I was pleased to see the purchase of the River Club recently in the news. This is a very environmentally sensitive piece of land. It borders the river and it's very close to the center of Riverhead. I think it's an excellent purchase – this is, I believe, some 80 acres.

Lauretta Fischer: We're putting this in as a CN (Certificate of Necessity) to be able to close the end of the year, based on the approval of the County Legislature. It's a nice addition to our county holdings. It's a partnership with the Town of Riverhead. It is not a tenants in common - each is being taken by the respective municipalities in this case.

AVR was discussed at the last meeting. We will be closing on that acquisition as well by the end of the year. In total, that's 400 acres – 300 of which is going to be acquired by the County and the Town of Brookhaven. The State will be coming in to buy the other third (approximately 100 acres) either at the end of this year or beginning of next year.

Trustee Fritz: You approved George Costa to the Sporting Advisory Board?

Commissioner Foley: I did.

Bill Sickles: We also have Elizabeth Marcellus who submitted a letter to the Commissioner. I have contacted Ms. Marcellus to set up a meeting with me. Tom Casey we have to get back to.

Chairman Corwin: So these are candidates, not appointments?

Commissioner Foley: George Costa is an appointment, Elizabeth is close to an appointment and Tom Casey is an idea.

Bill Sickles: Tom Casey is submitting a letter with a list of his credentials. Now we have another vacancy – we just got the resignation of Tom Melton.

John Fritz: How are we doing with beach nourishment at Fire Island/Smith Point?

Commissioner Foley: We should have our DEC permit in January. The Corps has said they'll give us their's about the same time. We're still waiting to hear from FINS.

Trustee Fritz: The pier update at Smith Point?

Commissioner Foley: We have the FINS permit, we don't have the Corps permit and I'm not sure if there's a problem.

Trustee Fritz: Is Bob Grover involved in that?

Commissioner Foley: Bob Grover responds to all the questions, critiques and suggestions for us. He's contracted with DPW. He'll be able to tell us what the latest is.

Trustee Fritz: On my way to the meeting today I went over to Greens Creek. It's very neat – they have a lot of grass over there for cutting which makes it appropriate for dogs and all those sort of things that leave presents behind. I thought maybe some of those grass areas might be conducive to planting some native shrubs so we wouldn't have to mow it and maintain it.

Commissioner Foley: Mowing was Bill Sickles' very, very successful idea on how to control phragmites. I don't know what the history of that is, but I think we'd have to mow it a couple of years to make sure the phragmites are actually gone.

Bill Sickles: When we had acquired Greens Creek as county parkland there were a number of buildings on it, I believe seven or so. They had been vacant for some time. There had to be a lot of disposal demolition costs, asbestos removal, which ate up a lot of money. We're at the point



where the amount of money that was remaining for site improvements was very small so the property was being totally overtaken by phragmites. We're trying to do what we could do with a limited amount of funds to try to eliminate the phragmites and have a site that could be available for public use. Once they finished the boardwalk, we came in and did a lot of grading and then a seeding. Once the grass started to come in, we've been mowing it with staff from the golf course. By continuing mowing, it's kept the phragmites down in the grassy areas and over a period of time it just eliminates it. There are phragmites that grow up in between the cracks in the boardwalk and we stay on top of that. We weed whack it.

Commissioner Foley: To answer your question, I wouldn't want to do anything to bring the phragmites back. There's a second aspect to that – the civic association over there wanted to sign a steward agreement with us and do the kinds of things you're talking about. They've asked twice to do this. We keep sending them sample agreements – I guess that scares them and we don't hear back from them.

Trustee Fritz: I thought this would be helpful and less maintenance, especially on the northern piece.

Bill Sickles: DPW had drawn up a plan for that site which was putting a lot of native plantings in to minimize maintenance and upkeep, but that came down to a case of funding. With all the demolition and cleanup, we didn't have the funds to proceed with that.

Trustee Fritz: If a botanical group or an Audubon society came forth with monies for plantings, would you accommodate them on that north section?

Commissioner: I think we'd be interested to talk with them for sure.

Trustee White: How are we doing with getting the CEQ to agree to put up poles at the GATR site?

Commissioner: CEQ has got many, many questions. Nick Gibbons is trying to get them to reduce their questions to writing so that we clearly understand what their issues are that they need responded to avoid this situation where you answer a bunch of questions and then get a bunch more. Nick is working with them to get all their issues written, hopefully in one shot. Some of this is going to have to come through the Montauk Fire District for response, some may need to end up with a professional consultant but go through the Montauk Fire District.

Nick Gibbons: Some of the things had to do with the technical aspects of the cell tower use. Motorola can answer those questions.

Commissioner Foley: I think they want to know that all possible alternatives were examined. I'm convinced from our conversations and public meetings out there that they were, but CEQ wasn't at those.

Jennifer Kohn: In regards to the alienation issue, our office has issued an opinion that under these circumstances it is not an alienation, but that doesn't seem to satisfy CEQ either. I don't know what else we can do?

Trustee White: What takes precedent?

Commissioner Foley: That's why we're trying to get their issues written so we can understand and deal with their issues once and for all. Hopefully, if we get that from them, we can answer the question you just asked.

Trustee White: One of the questions they had was alienation and the County Attorney's office said this is not an issue in this particular case.

Jennifer Kohn: Our first opinion was brief and we gave it to them verbally. They didn't like that so we then gave them a written opinion. Then they wanted copies of the citations. There are several lawyers on CEQ and they seem to be questioning our conclusions.

Commissioner Foley: I question whether alienation is even an issue for them to consider. They are the environmental review body. I think a discussion of alternatives examined is legitimate, but again, we need to get this in writing.

Trustee White: How long is this going to take?

Nick Gibbons: CEQ met last week. It didn't go as well as I expected. I requested from their staff that the Chairman put together a response to us so that we have something in black and white. I didn't push even though I share the opinion of the Commissioner that alienation is not an issue for them. I'm trying to work with them.

Commissioner Foley: You would hope that it would take another cycle of their meetings – if they put this in writing in the next couple of weeks, and I'm not sure they will, we'll probably need a month to figure out the answers, so that's 60 days away. I hope that the questioning stops and that they don't come up with a whole new batch of issues.

Trustee White: When we went there they didn't seem to have any issue with the emergency communications and they said they understood the need for it.

Trustee McKay: I noticed in the Parks Committee agenda there was an item on naming a section of a picnic area after an individual. The whole question of memorials came to mind and we never did resolve it. We're involved with some, and I guess we're not involved with others.

Commissioner Foley: The legislature has resolved it themselves. They passed a piece of legislation establishing a Naming Committee. They review all these proposals.

Trustee McKay: Parks has nothing to do with the naming process?

Commissioner Foley: At the last meeting they invited Bill Sickles to come and review all their proposed process documents. He did and made some recommendations on changes. We will bring these things to you once they're finalized as a point of information.

Chairman Corwin: Is Parks a member of the Naming Committee:

Lauretta Fischer: No.

Commissioner Foley: We'll bring a copy of the resolution and procedures that they adopted.

Lauretta Fischer: There's criteria that's being worked on at the present time.

Bill Sickles: They came up with an application form and they had made one up for Parks. The Commissioner and I went over it and we felt it needed some changes that better reflected Parks, so we made some suggested changes to their draft.

Chairman Corwin: So the Naming Committee is not just for park land – it's for all county owned

land.

Trustee Colina: I wonder if we can meet up on January 11th instead of the 18th?

Chairman Corwin: Is there any objection to meeting on the 11th of January?

(There are no objections to meeting on January 11th.)

Chairman Corwin: That sounds like it's OK.

Trustee Colina: Will Bill Sickles be making the polar bear plunge this year?

Bill Sickles: Yes. It's this Saturday in Southampton. It's a fund raiser for the food pantry and the local human resources. I think 500 or 600 people signed up this year, which is almost twice what it was last year.

Commissioner Foley: I will talk to you about Park Police staffing at the next meeting.

**DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 1:00 PM at Meadowedge. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

**The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Fritz.  
Motion approved unanimously by a vote 9-0-0.**

Minutes submitted by Ann Rothenberg.